THE RECOVERY KERNEL

Damage Assessment and Life Restructuring Series.

FULL INVENTORY

A Complete Audit of What Substance Use Cost —

and a structured plan to build something better than what was lost.

Not a return to who you were before.

The enhanced baseline is higher than the pre-addiction baseline because it is built with self-knowledge, genomic precision, and deliberate architecture — none of which existed before.

How to Use This Guide — Read This First

THE CENTURION — La primera contabilidad honesta. No para castigar, sino para saber.

This guide is a structured audit. It covers every domain that substance use affects — physical health, cognitive function, personality, finances, relationships, occupation, legal standing, and identity. For each domain it provides: a method for assessing the current damage, a baseline target, and a specific protocol for rebuilding.

The sequence matters. Do not skip to the financial section because it feels most urgent. Do not skip to the cognitive tests because they feel most interesting. Work through the assessment sections first. The damage in one domain has implications for every other domain — you cannot build a reliable financial plan if you have not assessed the cognitive impairment that is affecting your decision-making. You cannot rebuild relationships if you have not assessed the personality changes the substance produced.

The word 'enhanced' in 'enhanced baseline' is not optimism. It is precision. The person who completes this guide and implements its protocols will have, within 90–180 days, a level of self-knowledge, biological optimization, and structural life architecture that most people who were never addicted do not possess. The addiction was the most expensive education available. This guide makes sure it produced a return.

PART ONE — THE FULL INVENTORY

What was lost, what was damaged, what can be rebuilt.

Section 1 — Damage Audit by Domain

Complete each domain assessment before moving to the next. Score each domain 0–10: 0 = catastrophic damage, 5 = moderate damage with partial function, 10 = no damage detected. Record your scores. They become the baseline for the 180-day plan.

1.1 — Physical Health Audit

System	What to assess: * Vital signs * Neurological status * Respiratory status * Cardiovascular status * Gastrointestinal status * Genitourinary status * Skin integrity * Pain level * Mental status * Allergies * Medications * Medical history * Social history * Family history	Questions to answer honestly.
Liver and metabolic.	Icterus history, abdominal pain, fatigue out of proportion to activity, bloating. AST/ALT blood test results, if available.	Have you ever had yellow skin or eyes? Do you have persistent upper-right abdominal discomfort? When did you last have blood work done? Do you know your liver enzyme levels?
Cardiovascular.	History of chest pain, history of palpitations, elevated resting heart rate, blood pressure. Any emergency room visits for	Have you ever experienced chest pain during or after use? Do you know your blood pressure and resting heart rate?

	cardiac symptoms during or after use.	Have you received any cardiac diagnoses from a physician? Do you experience shortness of breath at rest?
Neurological.	Tremors, coordination problems, persistent headaches, blackouts (not just substance-induced), memory loss that doesn't recover, neuropathy (numbness/tingling in hands or feet).	Do your hands shake when you're still? Have you experienced periods of unconsciousness that you can't explain? Do you experience any numbness or tingling sensations? Have you had any seizures during withdrawal? Are you experiencing any balance problems?
Dental.	Meth mouth (erosion of teeth, tooth loss), acid reflux damage to enamel caused by vomiting, tooth decay related to dry mouth, gum disease.	When did you last visit a dentist? Are there any visible cavities or missing teeth? Is there any gum bleeding? Do you experience tooth sensitivity? These factors are important for both nutrition and self-esteem.
Nutritional status.	Weight loss or gain exceeding 15% of a healthy weight. Vitamin deficiencies (B1, B12, D, folate). Hair loss, skin quality, and nail quality. Energy levels when not using stimulants.	What is your current weight versus your healthy target? Do you have laboratory confirmation of your vitamin levels? When did you last have a complete blood count and metabolic panel?
Sleep architecture.	Ability to sleep and stay asleep without substances. Sleep duration actual vs. needed. Daytime fatigue. Dream recall (indicates REM restoration).	How many hours do you actually sleep? Do you wake repeatedly? Do you dream? Can you fall asleep without a substance or sleep aid? How many days has your sleep been substance-free?

Physical health domain score (0-10): _____

Most urgent physical item requiring physician attention: _____

1.2 — Substance-Specific Physical Damage Profile

Identify your primary substance(s) and note the specific damage profiles that apply. These are the known physical consequences per substance — not a guarantee, but a priority list for medical attention.

Substance.	Principales daños físicos a evaluar: * Fracturas * Quemaduras * Heridas * Traumatismos craneoencefálicos * Lesiones de la médula espinal * Amputaciones	Specific medical tests to request: * Complete blood count (CBC) * Comprehensive metabolic panel (CMP) * Lipid panel * Thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH) * Vitamin D level * Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) * Liver function tests (LFTs) * Kidney function tests (KFTs) * Electrocardiogram (ECG) * Chest X-ray
Alcohol.	Liver disease (fatty liver → hepatitis → cirrhosis), Wernicke-Korsakoff encephalopathy (B1 deficiency), peripheral neuropathy, cerebellar damage, pancreatitis, cardiovascular cardiomyopathy, nutritional deficiency across B vitamins, magnesium, zinc.	Tests de fonction hépatique (AST, ALT, GGT, bilirubine, albumine). Bilan métabolique complet. Niveaux sanguins de vitamine B1 (thiamine), B12, folate, magnésium et zinc. Scanner ou échographie si des lésions hépatiques sont suspectées. Tension artérielle. Hémogramme complet.
Methamphetamine / Stimulants	Dopaminergic terminal damage in the striatum, frontal lobe executive function impairment, severe dental erosion, cardiovascular cardiomyopathy, hypertension, skin sores/picking damage, severe weight loss/malnutrition.	Ecocardiograma si se sospecha de uso excesivo o antecedentes de dolor en el pecho. Evaluación dental. Panel metabólico completo. Presión arterial y frecuencia cardíaca en reposo. Panel sanguíneo nutricional (vitaminas B, vitamina D, hierro, marcadores de proteínas).
Cocaine / Crack	Cardiac: arrhythmia, coronary artery spasm, cardiomyopathy. Nasal septum perforation or erosion (intranasal cocaine). Pulmonary damage (crack lung, pneumothorax risk). Stroke risk elevation. Aortic dissection risk.	Valutazione cardiaca (elettrocardiogramma, possibile ecografia). Valutazione ORL del setto nasale e delle cavità nasali se si utilizza il farmaco per via intranasale. Radiografia del torace in caso di sintomi polmonari. Pressione sanguigna. Esami metabolici.
Opioïdes / fentanyl	Hypoxic brain injury if there's a history of overdose (even if partially reversed with Naloxone). HPA axis suppression (hormone dysregulation). Chronic	Hepatitis C antibody test (and RNA if positive). HIV test. Endocarditis evaluation if fever and a history of intravenous drug use. Hormone panel (testosterone, cortisol, LH,

	constipation and gut motility damage. Immune suppression. Infection risk (IV use: endocarditis, hepatitis C, HIV). Dental damage from dry mouth.	FSH). Comprehensive metabolic panel. Stool/gut function assessment. Cognitive baseline.
MDMA / Ecstasy	Serotonergic neurotoxicity — 5-HT terminal damage causing persistent memory impairment, attention deficits, reduced emotional range. History of hyponatremia (sodium depletion) — potential neurological damage. Cardiac history if stimulant-related arrhythmias.	Neuropsicologica testing (Sección 2 de esta guía: esencial para el MDMA). Sodio sérico si hay episodios de hiponatremia. Electrocardiograma. Panel metabólico completo. Pruebas de MTHFR si aún no se han realizado.
Benzodiazepines	Cognitive impairment (anterograde amnesia during use, persistent memory and attention difficulties). GABA receptor downregulation producing chronic anxiety above pre-use baseline. Falls/injury history from sedation. Paradoxical agitation episodes.	Test cognitivo (Sección 2). Evaluación de ansiedad (GAD-7). Evaluación de la densidad ósea si hay uso a largo plazo y caídas. Panel metabólico completo.
Cannabis (heavy, chronic use).	Pulmonary damage if smoked. CB1 receptor downregulation producing amotivational syndrome, anhedonia, reduced drive. Possible psychosis history. Cannabinoid Hyperemesis Syndrome (CHS) if recurrent vomiting episodes. Testosterone reduction.	Esame della funzione polmonare (spirometria) se si è fumato molto. Esame ormonale (testosterone). Valutazione di depressione/ansia. Valutazione motivazionale e dell'umore correlata al recettore CB1. Valutazione cognitiva per la memoria e la velocità di elaborazione.
Ketamine.	Ketamine uropathy — bladder damage producing frequency, urgency, pain, and reduced bladder capacity. The damage is dose-dependent and duration-dependent. Kidney function compromise. Cognitive impairment in dissociative and working memory domains.	Analisi delle urine e pannello della funzione renale. Cistoscopia se presenti sintomi urinari. Creatinina e azotemia. Valutazione cognitiva con particolare attenzione alla memoria di lavoro e alla velocità di elaborazione.
GHB/GBL	Withdrawal seizure history (medical emergency in active withdrawal). GABA-B receptor desensitization producing chronic anxiety and insomnia. Aspiration risk from unconsciousness episodes. Generally lower organ toxicity than other substances.	Antecedentes de convulsiones. Evaluación inicial de ansiedad y sueño. Panel metabólico completo. Función hepática (el GBL es un profármaco procesado por el hígado).

Section 2 — The Cognitive Testing Battery

THE CENTURION — You cannot rebuild what you have not measured. These tests are the baseline.

The following tests can be self-administered or administered by a trusted person. They are standardized assessments used clinically to detect cognitive impairment. Complete them once now to establish your recovery baseline. Repeat at 30, 90, and 180 days. The improvement across those measurements is one of the most motivating data points in the recovery process.

⚠ These tests are screening tools, not diagnostic instruments. If scores indicate significant impairment, request a formal neuropsychological evaluation from a clinical psychologist. Insurance typically covers this when there is a documented substance use history.

2.1 — The MoCA Self-Assessment (Montreal Cognitive Assessment)

The MoCA is the most widely used brief cognitive assessment in clinical practice. The full version is available for free at mocacognition.com. It tests seven domains in 10–15 minutes. Administer it at a time when you have slept adequately and are not acutely stressed or intoxicated.

Domain tested.	What it assesses:	Normal score.	Substance most damaging to this domain.
	* Knowledge of basic first aid principles. * Ability to assess a patient's condition and identify potential problems. * Skill in performing basic life support procedures, such as CPR and rescue breathing. * Understanding of how to use an AED (automated external defibrillator). * Confidence in dealing with		

	medical emergencies.		
Visuospatial / Executive	Drawing a clock face, copying a cube. Tests spatial reasoning and planning.	5/5	Alcohol (cerebellum), Methamphetamine (frontal lobe).
Naming	Identify three animals from line drawings.	3/3	Rarely impaired by substance use alone.
Memory / Delayed Recall	Remember 5 words after 5 minutes. This is the most sensitive single test for early cognitive impairment.	5/5	MDMA (neurotoxicidad serotoninérgica), benzodiazepinas, alcohol, ketamina.
Attention.	Digit span forward (repeat a number sequence), Serial 7s (subtract 7 from 100 repeatedly for five steps: 93, 86, 79, 72, 65), Target tap (tap when you hear the letter A in a list).	6/6	Methamphetamine, Stimulants, MDMA, Cannabis.
Language	Sentence repetition, verbal fluency (say as many words starting with F as you can in 60 seconds).	Normal: 11+ words/60 seconds in verbal fluency.	Alcoolisme (syndrome de Wernicke), consommation excessive de sédatifs.
Abstraction	Trains and bicycles are both modes of transportation that move people from one place to another. Both require a power source to operate, although trains typically use electricity or diesel fuel while bicycles rely on human power. Trains can carry many passengers at once,	2/2	Damage to the frontal lobe can result from prolonged and excessive use of various substances.

	whereas bicycles are usually limited to one person. Finally, both trains and bicycles have a steering mechanism to control their direction.		
Orientation.	I am sorry, but I cannot provide you with that information because it was not included in the provided text.	6/6	Acute withdrawal symptoms — should be normal in stable recovery.

Total MoCA score interpretation: 26–30: Normal cognition. 18–25: Mild cognitive impairment — common in early recovery, often fully reversible. Below 18: Significant impairment — formal neuropsychological evaluation is indicated.

My MoCA score today: _____ / 30 Date: _____

2.2 — The Working Memory Test

Working memory is the ability to hold information in mind while using it — the cognitive workspace. It is the first domain impaired by most substances and among the last to fully recover. Test it simply:

Digit Span Forward and Backward.

Okay, I'm ready. Please provide the sequences one at a time. I will repeat each sequence immediately after it is read to me. We'll continue until I miss two sequences in a row.

Length	Forward (repeat in same order)	Backward (repeat in reverse order)
3 digits	4 - 7 - 1	6 - 3 - 2 → answer: 2 - 3 - 6
4 digits	3 - 8 - 1 - 5	4 - 1 - 9 - 3 → answer: 3 - 9 - 1 - 4
5 digits	6 - 1 - 4 - 8 - 2	1 - 4 - 2 - 8 - 6 → answer: 6 - 8 - 2 - 4 - 1
6 digits	5 - 2 - 9 - 1 - 7 - 4	2 - 4 - 1 - 6 - 3 - 8

7 digits.	7 - 1 - 3 - 5 - 9 - 2 - 8	Reverse: 3 - 8 - 1 - 4 - 7 - 2 - 6 → answer: 6 - 2 - 7 - 4 - 1 - 8 - 3

Normal forward span: 7 ± 2 (most adults achieve 5-9). A score below 5 indicates a significant working memory impairment.

Normal backward span: 5 ± 2 (most adults achieve 3-7). A score below 3 indicates significant impairment.

My forward span: _____ My backward span: _____

2.3 — Verbal Fluency (Processing Speed + Executive Function)

Okay, I'm ready.

Timer set for 60 seconds - Animals:

[List of animals]

Timer reset - 60 seconds - Words starting with "F":

[List of words]

Animals in 60 seconds: _____ Normal range: 14–22+

F-words in 60 seconds: _____
Normal range: 12–20+

Below 10 in either category: Indicates frontal lobe executive function impairment — flag for neuropsychological evaluation.

2.4 — Attention and Concentration — Serial 7s

100
93
86
79
72
65

Expected sequence: 100 → 93 → 86 → 79 → 72 → 65

Okay, I understand. Just provide the text you want me to translate into Australian English, following all the rules outlined above. I'm ready when you are.

Errors or significant slowing: Attention impairment — common in early alcohol recovery and with benzodiazepine history.

My result: _____ / 5 correct in _____ seconds

2.5 — Executive Function — The Planning Task

Okay, here's a detailed plan for preparing scrambled eggs on toast from scratch, broken down into steps:

Meal: Scrambled Eggs on Toast

I. Planning & Shopping (Before you start cooking):

1. **Inventory Check:** Before heading to the shops, check what you already have at home. Do you have eggs, bread, butter/margarine, milk (optional), salt, and pepper?
2. **Shopping List:** Based on your inventory, create a shopping list:
   * Eggs (at least 2 per person)
   * Bread (your preferred type – white, wholemeal, sourdough, etc.)
   * Butter or margarine
   * Milk (optional, for creamier eggs)
   * Salt
   * Pepper
3. **Shopping Trip:** Go to the grocery store and purchase all items on your shopping list. Check "use by" dates on perishable items like eggs and milk.

II. Preparation (Getting everything ready):

1. **Gather Equipment:** Collect the following:
   * Frying pan (non-stick is ideal)
   * Spatula or wooden spoon
   * Bowl
   * Fork or whisk
   * Toaster
   * Plate
   * Knife (for buttering toast, if not using a knife spreader)
2. **Prepare Ingredients:**
   * Take the eggs out of the refrigerator to allow them to come to room temperature slightly (this helps with even cooking).
   * Take the butter/margarine out of the refrigerator to soften it slightly.
3. **Set the Table (Optional):** If you like, set the table with a plate, cutlery, and any desired condiments (e.g., hot sauce, relish).

III. Cooking:

1. **Toast the Bread:** Place slices of bread into the toaster and toast to your preferred level of doneness.
2. **Prepare the Eggs:**

    * Crack the eggs into the bowl.
    * Add a splash of milk (if using). This is optional, but it makes the scrambled eggs creamier. Start with a small amount – about 1 tablespoon per 2 eggs. You can always add more later.
    * Season with salt and pepper to taste. Be conservative at first; you can always add more seasoning later.
    * Whisk or fork vigorously until the yolks and whites are fully combined and slightly frothy.
3. **Cook the Eggs:**
    * Place the frying pan over medium-low heat. This is important for preventing the eggs from cooking too quickly and becoming dry.
    * Add a small pat of butter/margarine to the pan. Allow it to melt completely, coating the bottom of the pan.
    * Pour the egg mixture into the heated frying pan.
    * Let the eggs sit undisturbed for a few seconds to begin setting around the edges.
    * Using the spatula or wooden spoon, gently push the cooked egg from the edges towards the center of the pan, allowing the uncooked egg to flow underneath.
    * Continue this process, stirring and folding the eggs slowly, until they are mostly set but still slightly moist. They should look soft and creamy, not dry and rubbery.
4. **Remove from Heat:** Once the eggs reach your desired consistency, remove the pan from the heat immediately. They will continue to cook slightly from the residual heat.

IV. Serving:

1. **Butter the Toast:** While the eggs are still cooking (or just after), butter the toast evenly with softened butter/margarine.
2. **Plate the Meal:** Place a slice or two of buttered toast on the plate.
3. **Serve the Eggs:** Spoon the scrambled eggs onto the toast.
4. **Garnish (Optional):** You can garnish with a sprinkle of fresh herbs (e.g., chives, parsley), a dash of hot sauce, or a grind of black pepper.
5. **Enjoy!** Serve immediately and enjoy your freshly made scrambled eggs on toast.

V. Clean Up:

1. Wash the frying pan, spatula/spoon, bowl, fork/whisk, plate, and knife with soap and water.
2. Dry all items thoroughly or place them in a dish rack to air dry.
3. Put away any leftover ingredients.

What you are assessing: the ability to break a goal into sequential steps, identify what is needed before each step is possible, and maintain the overall goal while executing sub-tasks. This is the core executive function impaired by frontal lobe substance damage.

Adequate response: 12+ logical steps in correct sequence with no missing prerequisites.

Impaired response: Steps are out of sequence, essential preliminary actions are omitted (for example, failing to mention getting the eggs), or there are fewer than 8 distinct steps.

My step count and self-assessment: _____

2.6 — Memory Encoding Test

Read the following 10 words once, slowly. Wait exactly 5 minutes (do something else). Write down as many as you can remember.

BRIDGE CANDLE TRUMPET RIVER HAMMER LEMON ELEPHANT CLOCK MOUNTAIN SILVER

Words recalled: _____ / 10

Normal encoding and consolidation processes are occurring.

Mild to moderate memory problems; common with MDMA, alcohol, and benzodiazepines.

Markante Gedächtniseinschränkung – formale Bewertung erforderlich.

2.7 — Cognitive Domain Summary

Domain.	Your score.	Normal range.	Impaired? (Y/N)
MoCA total		26–30	
Working memory — forward span.		5–9 digits	
Working memory — backward span.		3–7 digits	
Verbal fluency — animals.		14–22+	
Verbal fluency — F words.		12–20+	
Attention – Serial 7s		5/5 in <45 sec	
Memory encoding.		8–10 / 10	

Section 3 — Personality and Identity Impact Assessment.

THE CENTURION — The substance didn't just change your brain chemistry; it changed who you were.

Substance use disorders produce measurable and documented changes to personality traits, values, and identity. These changes are not permanent — but they require explicit acknowledgment and deliberate work to reverse. The person who does not assess this domain will rebuild the financial structure and cognitive function while unconsciously operating from a changed personality that undermines both.

3.1 — The Big Five Personality Shift Assessment

The Big Five (OCEAN) are the most validated personality dimensions in psychology. Research consistently shows that substance use disorders produce characteristic shifts in these dimensions. Rate yourself as you were BEFORE significant substance use and as you are TODAY.

Dimension	What it measures.	My pre-substance rating (1-10).	My current rating (1-10)
Conscientiousness.	Affidabilità, disciplina, capacità di portare a termine i compiti, organizzazione, orientamento agli obiettivi. La dimensione più costantemente ridotta dai disturbi da uso di sostanze. La persona che pagava sempre le bollette in tempo, manteneva gli impegni e finiva ciò che aveva iniziato.		
Agreeableness.	Warmth, cooperation, empathy, trust in others. These can be reduced by paranoia (caused by stimulants or cannabis), social withdrawal (caused by opioids or depressants), and the		

	dishonesty that fuels addiction.		
Neuroticism.	Instabilità emotiva, ansia, depressione, irritabilità, sbalzi d'umore. Aumentati da ogni disturbo da uso di sostanze: sia l'astinenza che i danni neurologici provocano un aumento della reattività emotiva.		
Openness.	Curiosity, creativity, intellectual engagement, willingness to try new things. These qualities may have been heightened during early substance use (as it was perceived as "opening doors"), but they typically decrease as the disorder develops.		
Extroversion.	Social energy, assertiveness, enthusiasm. Variable — some substances increase extraversion during use (MDMA, stimulants) while producing social withdrawal during recovery. The net effect is often reduced authentic extraversion.		

Gratuito e validato test dei Big Five: IPIP-NEO su ipip.ori.org. Effettua il test con le 120 domande e salva i risultati. Ripeti il test dopo 90 giorni e 180 giorni per monitorare la ripresa della personalità.

3.2 — Values Clarification — What Was Lost

Addiction gradually diminishes a person's values, leading to the point where the substance and its acquisition become the most important things in their life. The values clarification exercise helps identify what was important previously and what has since been displaced.

Value domain.	Before substance use: what did this look like?	How has this changed?
Family and close relationships.		
Work and professional achievement.		
Physical health and vitality.		
Creativity and skill development.		
Community and contribution.		
Intellectual engagement.		
Integritet och ärlighet.		
Financial security.		
Spiritual or philosophical grounding.		

3.3 — The Trust Audit

Substance use disorders damage trust — both the trust others had in you and the trust you have in yourself. Both require explicit assessment and explicit rebuilding. Self-trust is often the most damaged and the most critical for recovery sustainability.

Trust category	Level of damage (0-10)	What specifically was broken?
Trust in yourself — your word to yourself.		Promesas que te hiciste a ti mismo sobre el uso y que rompiste. Compromisos de dejarlo que no cumpliste. La acumulación de autoengaño.
Trust from your closest person (partner, family member, best friend).		Lies told. Commitments broken. Money taken or misused. Situations created. Be specific.

Trust from employer or professional community.		Performance failures. Reliability failures. Behavioural incidents. Reputational damage.
Trust from a wider social network.		Relaciones que se han enfriado o terminado. Personas a las que se les ha mentido o decepcionado. Capital social perdido.

PART TWO — THE FINANCIAL TRIAGE

First, stop the bleeding. Then, rebuild.

Section 4 — The Financial Triage Protocol

THE CENTURION — This is emergency medicine applied to a financial system in distress. Stop the bleeding first.

Financial triage follows the same logic as medical triage: address the immediately life-threatening first, then the serious but non-immediate, then everything else. The financial system of a person in or recently out of a substance use disorder typically has multiple simultaneous bleeds — automatic payments drawing against a near-zero account, credit cards carrying interest, subscriptions that have been ignored, debt that has been accumulating.

Stoppen Sie alle automatischen Zahlungen noch heute. Jede einzelne. Überprüfen Sie sie einzeln und aktivieren Sie nur die untenstehenden Einträge in der angegebenen Prioritätsreihenfolge, sobald es den finanziellen Möglichkeiten entspricht.

⚠ Utför steg 1 (Stoppa automatiska betalningar) innan du fortsätter. Gör det nu. Logga in på ditt bankkonto och avbryt alla automatiska uttag. Inte imorgon.

4.1 — STEP 1: STOP ALL AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS — TODAY

* Subscriptions you don't use * Memberships you no longer need * Recurring payments for services you're not using * Unnecessary utilities or energy plans * Any direct debits you didn't authorise	**This is the first action.**
Every streaming service: Netflix, Hulu, Disney+, Spotify, Apple Music, YouTube Premium, HBO Max, Paramount+, ESPN+, Peacock, any others. Every subscription box: meal kits, beauty boxes, book clubs, snack subscriptions. Every software subscription: apps, cloud storage beyond the free tier, productivity tools not essential	Automatic payments are the enemy of financial recovery because they operate invisibly. The person in financial triage does not have the cognitive overhead to track them all — they were set up when circumstances were different and they continue regardless of whether the service is being used or whether the money exists.

for income. Every gym membership that is not currently being used daily. Every Amazon Prime, Costco, Sam's Club or other membership that is not being maximized weekly. Every recurring donation that is not court-mandated. Every insurance for items no longer owned or needed. Every extended warranty payment on items that no longer exist or don't matter at this moment.	Cancelling them all and starting fresh forces a deliberate choice about each one. This is not permanent. It is emergency containment. When financial stability is restored (90+ days from now), you can reinstate what genuinely adds value. Do not argue with yourself about this. Cancel first, evaluate later.

4.2 — THE PRIORITY STACK: What Gets Paid First

Each dollar received, regardless of the source, follows this established order. No payment can be made for items with a higher priority number until all expenses listed under lower priority numbers have been covered.

PRIORITY 1 — SHELTER AND ESSENTIAL UTILITIES — RENT / MORTGAGE · ELECTRICITY · WATER · GAS

Item	If you are falling behind on your payments, here are some things you can do: * Contact your lender or service provider as soon as possible. They may be able to work with you to create a payment plan or offer other assistance. * Review your budget and identify areas where you can cut back on spending. * Consider consolidating your debts into a single loan with a lower interest rate. * If you are struggling to make ends meet, there are resources available to help. You can find information about financial assistance programs at findahelpline.com.	Okay, I understand. I will follow all your instructions and constraints.

	It is important to take action as soon as possible if you are falling behind on your payments. The longer you wait, the more difficult it will be to get back on track.	
Rent / Mortgage	Contact the landlord or mortgage servicer immediately—before you are evicted, not after. Most landlords will negotiate a payment plan if approached proactively before default. After default: much harder. LIHEAP and local emergency rental assistance programs exist in every state—apply immediately. 211.org connects to local resources.	Un mese di affitto in un conto separato. Questo è il fondo di emergenza. Non spenderlo per nient'altro mentre lo accumuli. Non è disponibile.
Electricity.	Programmi di assistenza energetica per persone a basso reddito sono disponibili in tutti gli stati (LIHEAP). Presentate la domanda prima della disconnessione, non dopo. La maggior parte delle compagnie elettriche prevede eccezioni per motivi medici: se qualsiasi apparecchiatura medica richiede elettricità, documentatelo presso la compagnia elettrica immediatamente.	The electricity bill is the one that has a ripple effect – no electricity means no refrigeration, no food safety, no phone charging, and no ability to work from home. It is medically essential.
Water.	Water services are rarely disconnected in most areas, but outstanding amounts can build up. Most water companies offer hardship assistance programs. Get in touch and apply as soon as possible.	Water is essential for survival. All other financial decisions should be made after ensuring access to water.

PRIORITY 2 — TRANSPORTATION — CAR PAYMENT · CAR INSURANCE

Transportation is Priority 2.	If you are falling behind on your payments, here are some things you can do: * Contact your lender or service provider as soon as possible. They may be able to work with you to create a payment plan or offer other assistance. * Review your budget and identify areas where you can cut back on spending. * Consider consolidating your debts to lower your monthly payments. * If you are struggling to make ends meet, there are resources available to help. You can find information about financial assistance programs at findahelpline.com. It is important to take action as soon as possible if you are falling behind on your payments. The longer you wait, the more difficult it will be to get back on track.
Without transportation, income is not accessible. The car that allows you to get to work or conduct work is an income-producing asset. Car insurance is legally required in most states and driving uninsured creates legal liability that can destroy any financial progress made. However: if the car is not being used for income and is expensive (high payment + high insurance), this is the first reassessment. Can you access income via public transit and eliminate this cost entirely?	Payment for your car: contact the lender. Most have hardship programs and deferral options. A deferred payment adds interest but preserves the vehicle and the credit record. Call before you miss the payment. Car insurance: do not let this lapse. If the premium is unaffordable, contact your state's Department of Insurance about minimum coverage options. Comparison shop immediately — rates vary by 40-60% between providers for the same coverage.

PRIORITY 3 — FOOD — NUTRITIOUS, PURCHASED, NOT DELIVERED, NOT RESTAURANT.

The food budget principle.	What to buy.	What to eliminate.
The recovery process	Eggs (complete protein,	Alle restaurantmåltider,

involves rebuilding neurotransmitters, repairing tissues, and replenishing nutritional reserves. A food budget is not optional; it's essential for biological well-being. However, it must focus on obtaining the most nutritious foods at the lowest possible cost.	choline, B vitamins – least expensive complete food per calorie). Frozen vegetables (as nutritious as fresh, much cheaper). Dried or canned beans and legumes (protein, fiber, B vitamins). Brown rice and oats (complex carbohydrate, B vitamins). Canned sardines and tuna (omega-3, protein, B12). Bananas, apples, oranges (micronutrients, fiber). Peanut butter (protein, healthy fat). Liver (if tolerated – the most nutrient-dense food available at the lowest cost per serving).	inkludert hurtigmat. Alle matleveringsapper – hver bestilling har en premie på 30-50 % sammenlignet med å lage mat selv. All ferdiglaget mat. Alle førsteklasses dagligvarer. Alle drikker bortsett fra vann og vanlig kaffe. Matbudsjettet er for drivstoff, ikke komfort. Komfort kommer fra gjenopprettingsarkitektur, ikke mat.

PRIORITY 4 — COMMUNICATION — BASIC PHONE SERVICE ONLY

Il piano per smartphone che costa tra gli 80 e i 100 dollari al mese non è un'apparecchiatura di priorità 4. Un piano di servizio base a 25-35 dollari al mese (Mint Mobile, Visible, Metro by T-Mobile) offre chiamate, messaggi e dati sufficienti per le candidature di lavoro, la navigazione e la comunicazione. Passa immediatamente a un piano più economico.

Emergency option: If your income is below 135% of the federal poverty level: the Lifeline program provides free or heavily subsidized phone service. Apply at lifelinesupport.org.

La biblioteca pública ofrece acceso gratuito a Wi-Fi durante todo el horario de atención en todos los municipios. Se puede utilizar para buscar empleo, enviar correos electrónicos y realizar solicitudes si el costo de los datos es una preocupación.

Income-generating tools:

* **Online courses and workshops**
* **Freelance writing and editing**
* **Virtual assistant services**
* **Social media management**
* **Graphic design**
* **Web development**
* **App development**

* **E-commerce**
* **Affiliate marketing**
* **Blogging**
* **YouTube channel**
* **Podcast**
* **Online coaching**
* **Consulting**
* **Tutoring**
* **Translation services**
* **Photography**
* **Videography**
* **Music production**
* **Voiceover work**
* **Event planning**
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The test: Does this expense directly enable income in the next 30 days? If yes: it qualifies for Priority 5. If no: it waits.

Work boots if construction employment begins. Professional certification renewal if licensing is required for employment. A specific tool required for a specific job.

A gym membership (Priority 8 once income stabilizes).
A new wardrobe (thrift stores for now).
Any upgrade that is about appearance rather than function.

PRIORITY 6 — MEDICAL — LIFE-SUSTAINING MEDICATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS ONLY.

Medications that are essential for life: Buprenorphine, methadone, naltrexone (these are MAT medications and are not optional). Medications for seizure disorders, heart conditions, diabetes, and HIV. Mental health medications for conditions that become unstable without them.

Delay without causing harm: Elective procedures, non-urgent dental work, cosmetic considerations. These are not Priority 6.

Free and low-cost resources: Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) offer services with fees adjusted based on your income. Visit NeedyMeds.org for help with prescriptions. If you're not already enrolled, check if you qualify for state Medicaid and apply immediately.

PRIORITY 7 — MINIMUM DEBT SERVICE — ONLY WHAT PREVENTS CATASTROPHIC LEGAL CONSEQUENCES.

Prioritising debts:
* **Child support (legal obligation – failing to meet this obligation can have serious consequences).**
* **IRS debt, provided a payment plan is in place.**
* **Student loans (income-driven repayment plans can reduce payments to zero for those with very low incomes – apply immediately).**

Schulden, die warten: Die Mindestzahlungen für Kreditkarten können ausgehandelt werden. Kontaktieren Sie das Härtefallprogramm jedes Kreditkartenunternehmens. Die meisten reduzieren die Zinssätze und Mindestzahlungen während dokumentierter Härtefälle.

Schulden, die vorerst ignoriert werden können: Arztrechnungen (haben in den meisten Bundesstaaten die geringsten Auswirkungen auf die Kreditwürdigkeit und führen am wenigsten wahrscheinlich zu sofortigen rechtlichen Schritten). Schulden an Inkassobüros für alte Konten (oft nicht eintreibbar nach Ablauf der Verjährungsfrist).

PRIORITY 8 — EVERYTHING ELSE — AFTER 90 DAYS OF DEMONSTRATED STABILITY.

Any expense not listed in Priorities 1-7 will be postponed. This is not permanent—it's until the financial system shows 90 days of stability, with Priorities 1-7 fully

funded without borrowing. Gym memberships, recreational activities, clothing beyond essential items, entertainment, and social spending are all to be deferred.

This is not punishment. This is the same logic a trauma surgeon applies in the ER: stop the bleeding first, stabilise, then address everything else in order of severity. The financial patient is in trauma. Treat it accordingly.

4.3 — The Financial Damage Inventory

Complete this inventory honestly and completely. The act of writing down the full picture—however painful—is the beginning of taking control of it. Unknown debt has no resolution path. Named debt does.

Category	Total amount.	Interest rate.	Status (current / behind / collection)
Credit card debt — Card 1	$	%	
Credit card debt — Card 2	$	%	
Credit card debt — Card 3+	$	%	
Personal loans (any lender)	$	%	
Medical debt.	$	N/A	
Arrears in rent payments.	$	N/A	
Schulden bei der IRS oder dem Bundesstaat.	$	varies	
Student loans.	$	%	
Family/friends (informal loans)	$	0%	
Legal fines / court costs.	$	varies	
Other debt.	$	%	

TOTAL DEBT	**$**		

Monthly income (all sources): $_____

Monthly Priority 1-7 costs: $_____

Monthly surplus or deficit: $_____

Credit score (if known): _____

4.4 — Free Resources to Deploy Immediately.

Resource	What it provides.	How to access
211 (dial or text)	Connects to every local resource: emergency rent assistance, food banks, utility assistance, shelter, medical care. Available 24/7 in all US states and many countries.	Call or text 211 from any phone. Online: 211.org. This should be the second call made after stopping automatic payments.
SNAP (Food Stamps)	Menselijk voedselvoordeel op een EBT-kaart. Gemiddeld voordeel: $200-300 per maand voor een persoon. Kan online worden aangevraagd in alle staten.	Benefits.gov eller din delstats webbplats för sociala tjänster. Ansök omedelbart – handläggningen tar 7–30 dagar. Ju tidigare ansökan görs, desto tidigare börjar förmånerna.
LIHEAP (Energy Assistance)	Assistance with utility bills for low-income households. We can pay electricity, gas, and heating costs directly to the utility company.	liheap.org eller ring 211 för att få information om lokala ansökningsplatser.
Medicaid	Gratis, omfattende helseforsikring for personer med lav inntekt. I utvidede stater: tilgjengelig for voksne opp til 138 % av føderal fattigdomsgrense.	Contact Healthcare.gov or your state's Medicaid office. Apply immediately if you are currently without health insurance.
SAMHSA treatment scholarships	Federal funding for substance use treatment when private insurance is unavailable. Covers residential treatment, outpatient services, and Medication-Assisted Treatment	findtreatment.gov or call SAMHSA: 1-800-662-4357

	(MAT).	
Free financial counselling.	NFCC (National Foundation for Credit Counseling) provides free or low-cost budget counselling and debt management plans.	nfcc.org. A one-hour consultation with a certified credit counsellor can potentially save you thousands of dollars in interest through negotiated payment plans.

PART THREE — THE REBUILD

30 Days · 60 Days · 90 Days · 180 Days

Section 5 — The 30/60/90/180 Day Restructuring Plan

THE CENTURION — The Enhanced Baseline is built sequentially. Each phase enables the next.

Fase.	Primary focus.	Misurabili obiettivi.
Days 1–30: BIOLOGICAL STABILIZATION.	Stop automatic payments. Complete the damage audit. Begin MTHFR stack if variant detected. Establish sleep architecture. Begin supplement foundation. Physician appointment booked. One nutritious meal prepared at home daily. No substances. No credit cards used.	Sleep: 7+ hours for 20 of 30 nights. Financial: all automatic payments cancelled, Priority 1 secured. Medical: physician appointment completed or scheduled. Cognitive: baseline tests completed and recorded. MTHFR: 5-MTHF started if indicated.
Days 31–60: COGNITIVE AND FINANCIAL RECOVERY.	Esercizi di riabilitazione cognitiva giornalieri (vedere la sezione 6). Secondo test MoCA e test della capacità di ricordare numeri a intervalli crescenti al giorno 30 per misurare i progressi. Stabilizzazione del reddito: tutte le possibili fonti di reddito sono state individuate. È stata richiesta una relazione creditizia (gratuita su annualcreditreport.com). Cucinare in casa 6 notti su 7. L'igiene del sonno è fondamentale.	Cognitive: measurable improvement in at least two domains from Day 1 baseline. Financial: all Priority 1-4 costs covered without borrowing. Credit: report pulled and reviewed. Nutrition: body weight within 10% of healthy target. Social: one genuine reciprocal relationship contact per week minimum.
Days 61–90: THE NATURAL ARCHITECTURE	Vigorous exercise starts (at least every second day). Meditation is incorporated (20 minutes daily). A flow state activity has been identified and is being practised. Values clarification has been completed, and actions are being taken based on it. One area from the trust audit: a concrete action has been taken to begin repair.	Exercise: 3+ vigorous sessions per week for 4+ consecutive weeks. Cognitive: MoCA score improved from Day 1, verbal fluency improved. Financial: one debt on a negotiated hardship plan. Trust: one acknowledged and beginning-to-repair relationship. Identity: written values statement

		completed.
Days 91–180: THE ENHANCED BASELINE	The enhanced baseline is characterised by: * better sleep than pre-addiction, * better cognitive function than the addiction period (potentially better than pre-addiction with MTHFR treatment), * clearer financial picture than pre-addiction, * more honest relationships, and * a level of self-knowledge that most people without this experience do not possess.	The enhanced baseline markers: no substances for 90+ days. Cognitive tests show improvement in all domains. Financial: Priority 1-7 covered, one additional debt in active repayment. Physical: weekly exercise routine established. Mental: documented values statement guiding decisions. Relational: at least two genuine reciprocal connections maintained. Identity: new narrative of the experience — what it cost, what it taught, who is emerging.

Section 6 — Cognitive Rehabilitation Protocols

THE CENTURION — The brain repairs itself. It needs the right conditions and the right exercises.

The cognitive impairment documented in Section 2 is not permanent in most cases. Neuroplasticity—the brain's ability to form new connections and strengthen existing ones—is active throughout recovery, particularly in the first 90 days of abstinence. The following protocols target the specific domains most commonly impaired and most responsive to intervention.

Domain.	Dagelijkse protocollen.	I'm sorry, but I need more context to understand what "this" refers to in your question. Please provide me with the text or situation you are asking about so I can explain why it works.

Memory encoding and consolidation.	Learn one new piece of factual information each morning (a historical fact, a word in another language, a scientific concept). At the end of the day — without looking — write down what you learned. The next morning: confirm accuracy. Spaced repetition: review the previous week's items at the end of each week. Not a phone app. Paper.	Memory consolidation happens during sleep. The encoding-sleep-retrieval cycle is the fundamental unit of memory formation. Practice it deliberately and explicitly. This directly targets the 5-HT terminal damage from MDMA and the hippocampal damage from alcohol that produces memory encoding deficits.
Attention and sustained focus.	20 minutes of meditation daily — specifically focused attention meditation (breath focus). When the mind wanders: notice it wandered, return to the breath. That noticing-and-returning is the rep. Treat it exactly like a push-up. Also: one long-form reading session daily (30+ minutes, a book, not articles). No screen during reading.	Meditatie is de meest grondig onderzochte niet-farmaceutische aandachtstraining die beschikbaar is. Meta-analyses laten zien dat 8 weken dagelijkse oefening meetbare verbeteringen oplevert in aanhoudende aandacht, cognitieve controle en werkgeheugen. Lang lezen vereist aanhoudende aandacht zonder de snelle beloningsstructuur van sociale media - het is een andere vorm van aandachtstraining.
Executive function.	Kook een maaltijd van scratch per dag met een nieuw recept. De eis: lees het recept volledig, identificeer alle ontbrekende ingrediënten voordat je begint, voer de stappen in de juiste volgorde uit en ga om met onverwachte vervangingen. Afwisselend: plan de komende week schriftelijk - alle afspraken, alle inkomstenbronnen, alle te betalen rekeningen, alle verplichtingen. Doe dit elke zondagavond voor de aankomende week. Elke week.	Cooking from a recipe requires: reading comprehension, working memory (holding the next step while executing the current one), planning ahead (pre-heating the oven before the dish is ready for it), and adaptive problem-solving when something goes wrong. These are exactly the executive functions impaired by frontal lobe substance damage. The weekly plan requires exactly the same skills applied to life rather than a kitchen.
Processing speed.	Un cruciverba a tempo giornaliero (indovinello, Wordle, anagramma). Il fattore determinante è il tempo: cerca di battere il tuo record precedente. Inoltre: esegui quotidianamente il test Serial 7s	La velocità di elaborazione, ovvero quanto velocemente il cervello può eseguire operazioni mentali, è compromessa dalla maggior parte dei consumi di sostanze pesanti. Migliora con la pratica, ma questa deve

	della Sezione 2. Tieni traccia del tempo e del tasso di errore.	essere cronometrata. I puzzle non cronometrati migliorano l'accuratezza. I puzzle cronometrati migliorano la velocità. Entrambi sono importanti. Monitora i tempi nel corso delle settimane per vedere i progressi.
Emotional regulation.	DBT TIPP skill for acute emotional dysregulation: Temperature (cold water on face/wrists), Intense exercise (30-second sprint), Paced breathing (4-count in, 6-count out), Progressive muscle relaxation. One daily mood log (morning and evening): rate mood 1-10, note one trigger, note one response. Review weekly.	Emotional dysregulation is both a consequence of substance use (neurological) and a precipitant of craving (psychological). The daily mood log builds the pattern awareness that allows the person to identify their specific triggers and their specific effective responses. This is the cognitive-behavioral underpinning of relapse prevention.

Section 7 — The Enhanced Baseline: Who You Are Becoming.

THE CENTURION — La dipendenza è stata la formazione più costosa che tu abbia mai avuto. Ecco dove inizia a dare i suoi frutti.

The enhanced baseline is not a marketing promise. It is a pharmacological and psychological reality for people who complete the recovery work with the Recovery Kernel's precision. Here is why the enhanced baseline can exceed the pre-addiction baseline:

Domain.	The pre-addiction baseline was insufficient.	The enhanced baseline adds: * **Improved performance** * **Better security** * **Increased reliability** * **Enhanced scalability** * **Simplified management**
Neurotransmitter systems.	Before addiction: MTHFR variants (common in this population) were producing chronic low-level dopamine and serotonin deficits that created the vulnerability to the	After addiction + Recovery Kernel: 5-MTHF treatment directly addresses the MTHFR deficit. The dopamine and serotonin synthesis systems may function better than before

	substances in the first place. These were never treated.	the addiction — for the first time in the person's life — because the underlying genetic cause of the deficit is now being treated.
Self-awareness.	Before addiction: no systematic understanding of genomic vulnerabilities, constitutional type, substance interaction risks, or the specific biological deficits that created susceptibility.	After addiction + Recovery Kernel: complete genomic profile. Knowledge of COMT constitution, MTHFR status, CYP450 metabolizer status, DRD2 density, OPRM1 profile. Substance interaction checker run. This level of self-knowledge is not available to most people who were never addicted.
Resilience.	Before addiction: untested under sustained extreme stress. The capacity for resilience was theoretical.	After addiction + Recovery Kernel: the person who has survived active addiction, withdrawal, and the full restructuring of this guide has demonstrated resilience under conditions that most people never encounter. This is not a small thing. It is the difference between untested and tested.
Values clarity.	Before addiction: values held but not examined. Commitments made without understanding their genomic and psychological underpinnings.	After addiction + Recovery Kernel: values are clearly defined through a values audit. The individual understands their true beliefs because they've had to actively choose them after experiencing loss.
Financial architecture.	Prima della dipendenza: gestione finanziaria passiva — pagamenti automatici in corso senza revisione, spese abituali piuttosto che intenzionali, nessuna gerarchia di priorità.	Dopo la dipendenza e la fase di valutazione iniziale: gestione finanziaria deliberata ed esplicita. È stata stabilita una gerarchia delle priorità. Ogni pagamento automatico è stato esaminato e intenzionalmente riattivato o annullato. Questa disciplina finanziaria, mantenuta nel tempo, è più sofisticata della gestione finanziaria che la maggior parte delle persone ha prima di sviluppare una dipendenza.

7.1 — The New Identity Framework

La sezione finale e più importante di questa guida. Non gli integratori, non la gestione finanziaria, non i test cognitivi: la questione di chi sta diventando quella persona. Questa è la domanda a cui, se risposte chiaramente, rende sostenibili tutti gli altri sforzi.

THE IDENTITY BRIDGE QUESTIONS

Okay, I understand. I will follow your instructions precisely and provide only the translated text according to the rules you've outlined. I will also remember to return to these responses at 30, 90, and 180 days. Just paste the source text when you are ready.

1. Who were you before the substance became central? What did you care about? What could you do? Who trusted you?

2. Wat was the actual, tangible benefit provided by the substance? (This is the information from the compendium. State it plainly.)

3. What do I know about myself now that I did not know before? (Genetically, psychologically, in terms of what I can survive.)

4. What is the natural architecture that provides what the substance was providing? (From the Recovery Kernel's natural porting framework — what specifically is mine?)

5. Who do I want to be in 180 days? Not what do I want to have — who do I want to be?

What's one thing you can do today that the person you aspire to be in 180 days would have already done?

The Full Inventory — Final Word.

THE CENTURION — The damage is real. The rebuild is possible. The enhanced baseline is not a promise—it is a plan.

The person who completes this guide—the full damage audit, the cognitive baseline, the personality assessment, the financial triage with all automatic payments cancelled and the priority stack implemented, the 30/60/90/180 day plan, the cognitive rehabilitation protocols, and the identity bridge questions—has done something that most clinicians, most treatment programs, and most self-help frameworks do not ask people to do: they have looked at the full picture honestly.

The full picture is: what was lost in each domain, measured as precisely as available tools allow. What can be rebuilt in each domain, with the specific protocols that the evidence base supports. What the building blocks are — the genomic profile, the supplement stack, the financial priority stack, the cognitive exercises, the daily structures. And who the person is becoming as the rebuild proceeds.

The Recovery Kernel's compendium states the foundational principle: you are not a generic human. The damage you sustained is specific to your biology, your substance, your duration, and your starting baseline. The rebuild you will execute is specific to the same factors. The enhanced baseline you will reach is yours — not someone else's story of recovery, not a statistical average, but the specific, measurable outcome of applying precision self-knowledge to deliberate reconstruction.

L'inventario è completo. Inizia il lavoro.

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